

DECEMBER 1988

Here's wishing all *DXtra* subscribers a 1989 filled with great DX. That goes double for those subscribers who submit reports—like, for example, those who did so this month: Dave CLARK, Newmarket, Ont. ... Ray FRONCZAK, St. Louis MO ... Victor JAAR, Charlesbourg, Que. ... Rufus JORDAN, Pittsburgh PA ... Alan LAVES, Dallas TX ... Andy LESKOWITZ, Leominster MA ... Chris LOBDELL, Wilmington MA ... Dale PARK, Honolulu HI ... Al QUAGLIERI, Albany NY ... Dan ROBINSON, Silver Spring MD and (visiting) Kauai HI ... Kevin SZOT, Santiago, Chile.

Miscellany: Local time at *R. Nacional Arcangel San Gabriel*, in Argentine Antarctica, is UTC-4; local time in the Galápagos Is., contrary to *WRTH*, is UTC-6. (*Jaar*). On New Year's and Christmas Eves, most African stations will stay on past their normal s/off times. (*Fronczak*). A big welcome to *Dan Robinson*, who checks in with *DXtra* for the first time. Make it a habit, Dan!

**ANGOLA:** *Em. Regional do Huambo* — On 5064, likely this one from 1955 with orchestral, rock, pop and highlife selections, announcements in Portuguese; at 2105 generic *R. Nacional de Angola* ID. Very weak; swallowed by band noise after 2200. (*BH 11/19*)

**ANTARCTICA:** *R. Nac. Arcangel San Gabriel* — On 15476a from 2350 with instrumentals; IDs in Spanish by woman at 2356 and 2359. After first ID, mentioned seemingly more than one freq (*WRTH* says 15475 is their only one). Freq appeared to be 15475.8 (*Laves 11/10*)

**AUSTRALIA:** *VL8A* — On 2310 just above noise level from 1130 with *R. Australia [ABC?]*, Melbourne, ID, then into discussion till 1158 fade. (*Lobdell 12/4*) ... *VNG* — While replaying my recording of *WWV* on 5000, heard *VNG* ID at 0759 and voice saying this was a "temporary broadcast" from somewhere in New South Wales; ID repeated before top-of-the-hour beep. Poor-very poor under *WWV/WWVH*; equal to *JY/BPM*. What's the power? (*Park 11/11*)

**BANGLADESH:** *R. Bangladesh* — On new 7520 (x-7505) around 1850 in English with subcontinental vocals; good choice of freqs and much better signal than dual 11510. (*BH 11/19*)

**BELIZE:** *Belize National R.* — On 3285 from 1108 with pop and Christmas music; at 1115 time check and ID in English, then religious program. (*Lobdell 12/4*)

**BOLIVIA:** *R. Reyes* — On 4421.2 at 0257 with announcement: "*R. Reyes les acompaña con la música que les gusta.*" (*Szot 11/4*) ... *R. Horizonte* — On 4531.3 (up from 4526.3) from 2345 with *cumbias* and *salsa* (*Riberalta* isn't in the *altiplano*); at 2400 time check for 8 o'clock, ad for *La Pacea* beer. At 0100 "*Horizonte Juvenil*" [program for kids]; at 0210 ID: "*R. Horizonte,*

*4525 kHz, 65 metros, transmite desde Riberalta, Beni, República de Bolivia.*" Requested reception reports, saying they had been heard all over Bolivia. (*Szot*) ... *R. Cristal* — On 5005 from 0220 with highlights from Santa Cruz vs. Cochabamba [*futbol?*] game, ad for movie "*Atracción Fatal*," couple IDs, news commentary; at 0230 time check for "*22 horas, 30 minutos.*" Heard 11/3 but not next day. (*Szot*)

**BRAZIL:** *R. Araguaia* — On 4905 at 0900 with couple IDs: "... 70 kHz onda média, 4905 kHz, banda de 60 metros onda curta, *R. Araguaia* ..." (*Laves 12/4*)

**CHAD:** *R. Moundou* — Presumed this on 5286.5 at 0533 with highlife music, male DJ between selections. Fair with intermittent voice-ute *QRM*. (*Leskowitz 12/3*)

**CHINA:** *Yünnan PBS Literary Service* — On 3910, apparently this from 1046 with woman in tonal language (should be Vietnamese). At 1059 audio level increased as seemed to join *CPBS* for news relay in Chinese; at 1105 back to tonal language till 1117\*. Weak and clobbered by hams. (*BH 11/27*) ... *R. Beijing, Nanning* — On 5050 from 1300 with presumed ID, then chimes *IS* till 1302. Followed with woman in probably Vietnamese Foreign Service news. (*Clark 11/6*) ... *BPV* — On 15000 with IDs at 0259 and 0329 in Chinese by woman; IDs in Morse in between. (*Fronczak 11/24, 11/25*)

**COOK IS.**: *R. Cook Islands* — On 11759.7, booming in at 0612-0905 with South Seas, pop, reggae music, also birthday greetings and promos. Even from HI, I still think of this as *DX* and a thrill to hear—last time for me was for about 10 minutes in winter of '77! (*Robinson HI*)

**FRENCH GUIANA:** *R. Beijing Relay* — On 11695 at \*0400-0455\* in English with world news, press review,

talk re China's Bronze Age. QTH per Glenn Hauser column carried locally in Greensburg (Pa.) *Tribune Review*. (Jordan 11/28)

**GERMANY, FED. REP. OF: RIAS, West Berlin** — On 6005 from 0703 with news in German; at 0705 into program of assorted music and information features with female announcer. At 0729 ID "RIAS Berlin. Nachrichten"; into news as sked. At 0735 jingle ID "RIAS Eins ..." Lost in QRM by 0750. (Laves 12/5) ... *Süddeutscher Rundfunk* — On 6030 from 0624 in German with ads, assorted music, many mentions of Stuttgart; at 0659 ID: "Süddeutscher Rundfunk, Stuttgart [garbled] ARD Nachrichten" and into news. Splatter from 6035. (Laves 12/5) ... *Bayerischer Rundfunk* — On 6085 from 0751 with ads in German, pop music; at 0759 ID as "'B' Eins." Followed with 2+1 pips, time check "Es is 9 Uhr" and into news. (Laves 12/5)

**GREECE: V. of Greece** — On new 6225 at \*1900-1950\* to Europe; French at 1930, German at 1940. Opening announcements said 9425/9395/7430 (no mention of 6225), but only 7430 was actually in parallel; the other two were carrying Greek. (BH 11/19)

**GUATEMALA: R. Kek'chi** — On 4845 at 2305-0230+ in Spanish and (mostly) seeming Indian language; religious talk and vocals. ID as *R. Kek'chi* and as *La Voz Evangelica*. (Jordan 11/17)

**HONG KONG: RTHK** — On 7290 from 1153 with announcements in Vietnamese by man and woman, trumpet fanfare (as previously heard on 3940 weather broadcasts last spring) and into music program. This on 11/5; heard again next day and 11/19, mostly buried by strong co-channel Soviet. (Clark)

**ICELAND: ISBS** — On new 11414 at 2334 ending Icelandic to North America; strong. With its constant freq shuffling, this station shows signs of succumbing to the dreaded "Baghdad syndrome." (BH 11/27)

**INDIA: AIR** — On 4990 from \*2359 with IS, then ID in language and into talks in presumed Tamil. *WRTH* gives site as Madras, *PWBR* as Delhi. If target is Sri Lanka, Madras seems more logical. (Laves 12/3) On 7140 from 1158 with IS; at 1200 pips and woman in listed Sindhi. Great signal for this one! Another station mixing underneath. (BH 11/27)

**INDONESIA: RKPDT1, Surabaya** — On 2999.8 from 1155 in Indonesian with what seemed news; at 1200 ID. (Barto 12/1) [Please provide ID texts.—BH] ... *RRI Manado* — On 3215 from 1230 with single gong, clear local ID and closing announcements; off at 1231:30 after theme music on organ or similar. (Clark 11/19) ... *RRI Ternate* — On 3345, presumed this from 1235 with Indonesian talk, pops, EZL selections. At 1259 mention of upcoming *warta berita* but no ID noted, then "SCI"

and news (didn't seem Jakarta relay, though). (Clark 11/19) ... *RKPDT2, Blitar* — On 4087.7 at 1150-1203 with local music, Indonesian by male announcer, ID. (Barto 11/30) ... *RRI Ambon* — On 4845 from 1315 with local music; fair-good. (Clark 11/19) ... *RRI Sorong* — On 4874.6 from 1340 with vocal accompanied by local orchestra; by 1350 still stronger than Jinling carrier, then dropped badly before 1400. (Clark 11/19) ... *RRI Jayapura* — On 5044.8 from 1313 with 5-note IS to \*1315, then into Indo pops. (Clark 11/20)

**IRAQ: R. Baghdad** — On new 7210 after 1900 with news in Arabic; two standard IDs noted. (BH 11/20)

**JAPAN: NHK, Tokyo** — On 3607.5 (USB), presumed this from 1215 with long talk—possibly dialog—in Japanese; peaked fair around 1225 and held up for another 15 minutes or so. (Clark 11/19)

**JORDAN: R. Jordan** — New 500-kw transmitter on 9560 being widely heard. *Jaar* reports (11/26 and 11/27) from 1450 in Arabic with US pops, then at 1459 announcement in English: "You are listening to R. Jordan broadcasting from Amman." At 1500 time check for 5 PM and into listener's request pops program. *Jordan* (appropriately) reports \*1400-1425 on 11/29 in Arabic with Mideast instrumentals and vocals, talks re Syria, Iraq, Jordan; again on 12/5 at 0516-0600 in English with US pops and adult contemporary music, UTC+2 time checks, IDs; news at 0530. *Lobdell* reports on 12/4 at 1845-2200\* with relay of Home Service in English.

**KOREAN PDR: R. Pyongyang** — On 13650 at 0046 with tail end of Spanish to South and Central America. Anti-Seoul diatribe, ID; freqs announced as 11735 and 13650. Off after NA. (Leskowitz 11/30)

**KUWAIT: R. Kuwait** — On new 6075 (actually 6076 on 11/19, then corrected on 11/20) after 1900 with Mideast vocals, several IDs in Arabic; fiercely QRMed by co-channel *Deutsche Welle*. Apparently a move from 6055, which is covered by at least four stations. Dual 9880 also noted. (BH 11/19+) On 11665 from 1845 with world news, local weather, news commentaries, US rock; at 1915 into French. (Terrence 11/21)

**MALAYSIA: V. of Malaysia** — On 15295 from 0925 in *Bahasa Malaysia*; at 0930 ID "Suara Malaysia," two pips and into presumed news. At 1027 recheck, chime IS, then into another language. (Robinson HI)

**MALTA: V. of the Mediterranean (via Deutsche Welle Relay)** — On 9765 at 0620-0800\* in English and Arabic; ID during segment on cooking. Address given as POB 143, Valletta. (Jordan 11/24)

**MONGOLIA: Ulan Bator R.** — [On 12015] from \*1200 atop Beijing with IS till 1202; s/on in English with

times and freqs (they seemed to say "1-2-1-5" vice "1-2-0-1-5") and into news with lead story about Communist Party of Mongolia. (Robinson MD 12/2)

**NEPAL:** *R. Nepal* — On 5005 from 1245 ending flute music and into probable news in Nepali. Fair-good; weakening after 1255. Said to be back on 3230 (x-7165) too, but that channel blocked by ute. (Clark 11/6)

**PAKISTAN:** *PBC, Islamabad* — On 7289, evidently this at 1144 with subcontinental vocal; cut off at 1145, which fits sked for Regional Service on 7290. (BH 11/27)

**PAPUA NEW GUINEA:** *NBC* — On 4890, heard s/off at 1400. Power has been reduced from 10 to 2 kw. As in previous years, this station will celebrate New Year at 1400 on 12/31. (Fronczak 11/30) *UnID* with English 1300-1303, including weather announcement, then classical music. Possibly Port Moresby, though format didn't seem to fit; if indeed NBC, a mere shadow of former self. Maybe testing transmitter at lower power to adjust for emission problems that caused local regulators to shut them down? (Clark 11/20)

**PERU:** *R. Altura* — On 3339.6 from 1007 with numerous time checks; announcement: "Aquí estamos llamando para Uds. nuestra mensaje musical andino ... celebrando en grande nuestro tercer año ... con nuestra diversidad de programación que presenta R. Altura." (Robinson MD) ... *R. Inca* — On 4238 from 0950 with male DJ in folklorica program with same "Post Time" theme as reported by others. Frequent time checks; ID at 1004. (Robinson MD) ... *La Voz de Celendín* — On 4485 from 0245 with local music program "Perú Criollo," ad, time check; at 0300 into "DX-Club de Celendín" ("para cultivir la amistad através del DXismo"). Told story of *R. Nacional del Perú*; followed with "Enciclopedia de DX" and discussion re ionosphere. Then histories of *R. Netherland* and *NHK*; also mentioned various Peruvians closed for operating without license. (Szot 11/3) ... *R. Cultural Amauta* — On 4955 .05 at \*1008 with NA, s/on, ID: "Transmite R. Cultural Amauta, 4955 kHz en la banda de 60 metros ... departamento de Ayacucho, República del Perú." (Robinson MD) ... *UnID* — On 5081 from 1030 with longwinded consciousness-raising session for the *campesinos*, interspersed with *altiplano* music. Down in the noise. (Szot 11/4) [A listener in Argentina reports this as *R. Huayabamba*.—BH] ... *R. Onda Popular* — On 5273.3 from 0027 with program called "Festival Andino" and IDs: "Están en plena sintonía de Onda Popular, el sonido de Cajamarca" and "La radio más potente de Cajamarca." (Szot 11/4)

**PHILIPPINES:** *FEBC* — On 9800 at \*0900 abruptly with IS, ID and announcements in presumed Mandarin. Fair with co-channel het. (Park 11/10) ... *VOA Relay* — On 21490 at 0837 in Russian with reports on US presidential election. (Park 11/10)

**SINGAPORE:** *R. I* — On 5010.1 from 1220 with man-woman dialog; at 1230 music bridge, then faded. (Clark 11/7) On 11940 from 0923 in English with ads for Philippine Airlines, Club Med; also time check and Paul Simon song. At 0930 ID for R.1, 91.5 [MHz]; at 0946 "Fuji Videotape Drive for Gold Competition" followed by ad for furniture company sale. (Robinson HI)

**SOLOMON IS.:** *SIBC* — On 9545 from 0619 with morning request program, partly in English and partly in Pidgin; had birthday calls, C&W song, ad for The Book Shop, Ltd. At 0632 into Bible program. (Robinson HI)

**SOMALI REP.:** *R. Mogadishu* — On 7200 at 0310-0355 in presumed Somali; chitchat between man and woman, possibly via phone patch. Also vocals, chants, IDs at 0320, 0330, 0345. (Jordan 12/1)

**SOUTH AFRICA:** *SABC* — On new 9665 at 0426-0445 in Afrikaans with local news, actualities, at least two IDs. (Jordan 11/15)

**TURKEY:** *Türkiye Polis R.* — On 6340 from 0456 with IS of two different sequences of notes played on a single instrument; at 0459 choral anthem and s/on announcements including mention of "Polis Radyosu." Followed with Turkish vocals. Very strong—can hardly believe only 1 kw. Maybe new transmitter? Meteo station on 6899.8 also heard but not as well. (Clark 11/23, 11/24)

**USSR:** *R. Afghanistan via Dushanbé* — Back on 4740 at 0305 with Mideast music, woman in presumed Pashto. No other freqs noted. (Leskowitz 12/1) ... *Unknown European site* — On 4760 around 1950 with dialog—perhaps interview—in Russian; at 1959 silence, then open carrier past 2000. Boomy audio made it difficult to ascertain nature of discussion. Per TBS, this is a *R. Afghanistan* relay transmitter that carries M2 (*Mayak*) at 1930-2000. (BH 12/11) ... *R. Tashkent* — On 4850 from 1226 in local language plus vocal music; at 1230 two pips, then apparent sked/freq announcements and into possible news. Probably Republican II program. (Clark 11/4) ... *R. Dushanbé* — On 4975 from 0152 with commentary in Russian by man and woman; at 0202 nice flute music. Weak; tough copy. Dual4635 barely audible. (Leskowitz 11/26) ... *UnID* — On 5015 from 2056 with *Mayak* IS till 2100, then Russian numbers! Not sure if same station or another atop it. Still going at 2110 recheck; barely readable. WRTM lists three possible sites. (Leskowitz 11/19) ... *R. Yerevan* — On new 7390 from 1800 with Mideast singing; at 1829 chime IS thrice, then talk. Weak and mixing with another USSR station. Probably replaces 9515. (BH 11/19) ... "*R. Magallanes*" — On 9470 with "*Chile Noticias*," commentary on Oct. 5 plebescite, news lifted from Chilean dailies. How often do you see reception of a "clandestine" station reported from the country it's beamed to? (Szot 11/2)

(T) UAE: *V. of UAE, Abu Dhabi* — On 25900 at 0829

in Arabic readings (literature program?), classical Mideast music. This per "RNMN" tip. (*Park 11/10*)

**USA: WWV** — On 5000 at 0718 with "guest announcer" Dave Rosenthal reading propagation report, fulfilling his "Media Network" boast. (*Park 11/11*)

**URUGUAY: R. Sarandí** — On 4900 from 0150 with special transmission live from the *Corte Electoral*. Began with discussion of election procedures, then "debate"—with everyone accusing each other of foul play. At 0231 ID: "CX8, R. Sarandí, transmisión especial en directo desde la Corte Electoral." Dual 9620 listed as *SODRE*, but no other listed or previously logged Uruguayans audible. (*Szot 11/4*)

**VENEZUELA: R. Continental** — On 4939.5 from 0310 with nice program of Latin music hosted by male DJ; at 0317 gave ID and MW/SW freqs plus slogan that sounded like "La via musical de Baria [Barinas?]." Off at 0353 after NA. (*Leskowitz 11/26+*) On 4940 from \*0921 ending anthem (not NA), then "Buenos días Barinas, buenos días Venezuela" and into music without further ID. (*Laves 12/4*) ... **R. Mundial** — On 5049 at 0105-0545 with mix of Latin pops and ballads, some sports; IDs as "R. Cadena Mundial" every half hour. (*Jordan 11/29*) **UnID** from 0320 with Spanish news, commentary, ads, rooster crows, promos, public service spots. ID at 0321 included "R. Cadena Mundial," but isn't that just the network name? (*Leskowitz 12/1*)

**YEMEN ARAB REP.: R. Sana'a** — On new 5950 at 1900 with ID by woman: "Idha'at al-arabiyya t-al yamaniyya min Sana'a"; continued with alternating Mideast music and Arabic talk. Weak and with low speech audio, but alone on channel; strong by 2010 recheck. Perhaps replaces 4853, which I haven't heard in ages. Dual 9779 also noted. (*BH 12/11*)

**ZAMBIA: ZBS** — On 4910a from 0342 in language; at 0345 bird cry (presumably fish-eagle IS), then man with "One Zambia, One Nation" and into language. At 0350 same routine. At 0400 time check for "6 hours," then into news in English. Freq looks like 4910.4. (*Laves 12/5*) The only fundamental SWBC signal from this one

currently audible in South Africa is 3345.2—but also heard are 12330.8 (2nd harmonic of 6065.4) and 14730.2 (2nd harmonic of 4910+). (*Kořinek via Quaglieri*)

**ZIMBABWE: ZBC** — Harare has dropped long-time 3306 and 3396 for 4828.2 and 5011.3 respectively. Sked is unchanged. (*Kořinek via Quaglieri*)

**CLANDESTINE: V. of the Crusader** — On 4259.4 in Farsi at 0400-0410 with ID and news. Weak. Also noted *V. of the Worker* on 4159.7 at same time. (*Barto 11/24*) ... **R. Venceremos** — On 6619.3v from 0016 with field reports from military commanders, including one from Ernesto Ramirez (supposedly 5 km outside the capital). Jumped to 6620.3 at 0017, 6630.5 at 0020. (*Leskowitz 12/1*) ... (T) **R. Farabundo Martí** — On 6620.3 from 0021 with pops; at 0022 ID mentioning *Farabundo Martí*, Nicaragua, Salvador, etc. This probably explains the freq jump by *R. Venceremos*. (*Leskowitz 12/1*) ... **R. Patria Libre** — On 6763.2 from \*0027 with "Internationale," then into military music; man and woman with slogans and ID "R. Patria Libre para la liberación, Neiva[?], Colombia." (*Leskowitz 12/1*) On 6760 at 0052-0111 in Spanish with impassioned polemics, IDs, patriotic vocals. (*Jordan 12/5*)

**PIRATE: "KTRC"/Falling Star R.** — On 6240 from 0552 with rock and pop music; gave address as POB 1659, Gracie Station, New York, NY 10028, and requested a \$5 donation "to support the cause of free radio." Off at 0558 after tone. (*Lobdell 12/4*) ... "WROX" — On 7415 (LSB) at 2340-2400\* with antiwar-, draft-resistance-type programming, slogan "From the Northeast to the World." Requested mail to *PopComm* c/o "Pirate's Den" column. (*Terrence 11/13*)

**UNIDENTIFIED** — On 4750 at 1902 in Arabic talk and Mideast music; cut off at 1910. Back again when rechecked at 2021, but cut off again at 2025 and didn't reappear. Sounded suspiciously like Abu Dhabi fooling around with the transmitter that was on 4905 a couple of years ago. (*BH 11/26*) ... On 6035 at 1320-1335 in Chinese mixing with another Oriental; much subcontinental music. AIR/Bhutan? (*Barto 12/1*)

73/DX,  
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